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Docket No.: 2224/OK248

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In re application of:

Michael J. GAIT ; Dmitry STETSENKO

Serial No.: 10/070,222

Filed: February 27, 2002

For: METHOD FOR COUPLING MOLECULES

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Sir:

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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of an International Search Report issued July 2, 2001 for the PCT counterpart of the present patent application (Application No. PCT/GB00/03306), in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since a translation of the Search Report is also enclosed, or the Search Report utilizes conventional codes to characterize each cited reference, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

This submission is filed within three months of the filing of the application.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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